



August 17, 2015

Mr. Samuel Elswick  
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Dear Mr. Elswick:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2015-000522), dated March 27, 2015, in which you requested:

"[c]opies of all documents relating to the planning and construction of the U.S. Post Office and Federal Building ("building") located at 825 Jadwin Avenue in Richland, Washington in 1965. This request includes but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Copies of architectural and construction blueprints and floor plans;
- (2) documents listing the general contractors and sub-contractors hired to construct the building;
- (3) documents listing the manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of construction materials and products used to construct the building;
- (4) documents and materials lists, including invoices and bills of lading, listing the products and brand names of products used to construct the building (e.g., Kaiser Gypsum joint compound; Georgia Pacific joint compound; Owens-Corning Kaylo pipe insulation; etc.);
- (5) documents listing the heating and cooling systems, including but not limited to the make, model and manufacturer of any boilers, furnaces, cooling towers, cooling units, hot water tanks or hot water heaters installed at the building;
- (6) documents listing the insulation contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) hired to insulate the building;
- (7) documents listing the roofing contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) hired to roof the building;
- (8) Documents listing the Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning ("HVAC") contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) hired to install HVAC equipment at the building;
- (9) documents listing the Electrical contractor(s) or sub-contractor(s) hired to install wire and electrical equipment at the building;
- (10) any photographs of the building taken during or shortly after construction of the building;
- (11) any newspaper articles or press releases regarding the construction and opening of the building;
- (12) documents regarding project management, construction progress, or timelines for construction of the building; and
- (13) documents regarding any asbestos abatement that has taken place at the building since 1965."

Enclosed, please find 1599 pages of documents responsive to your request. In processing your FOIA request, GSA redacted information containing building drawings and structural schematics per the fourth exemption of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4). This information protects trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person/company that is privileged or confidential.

In addition, GSA redacted deliberative process information per the fifth exemption of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(5). This exemption protects inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency.

GSA also redacted all personally identifiable information, specifically, printed names and signatures, social security numbers (SSN), and cellphone numbers pursuant to the sixth exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This is done because public disclosure of this information would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Lastly, information which has been determined to possibly risk circumvention of agency regulations, policies and procedures and allow the compromise of the physical safety of individual(s) and/or property has been redacted based in pursuant with 5 U.S.C. 552 (b)(7)(f). This information could risk circumvention of agency regulations, policies and procedures and allow the compromise of the physical safety of individual(s) and/or property.

Based on the above information, this constitutes a partial denial of your request. You have the right to appeal the denial of the information withheld under FOIA. To do so, you must write within 120 days of your receipt of this letter to:

U.S. General Services Administration  
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1C)  
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308  
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reason(s) why the withheld information should be released. Please enclose copies of your initial request and a copy of this letter. Both the appeal letter and the envelope should be marked prominently "Freedom of Information Act Appeal".

This completes our action on this FOIA request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Bob Bliss, Industrial Hygienist, GSA, Northwest/Arctic Region, at (253) 931-7929 or via email at [robert.bliss@gsa.gov](mailto:robert.bliss@gsa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures